AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 16:

By half-bottle shape we mean shapes such as those of a typical Bordeaux or Burgundy wine bottle sillouette, halved along its central longitudinal axis. In essence, the bottle ~~hhas~~ has a body, which narrows in a shoulder into a thin neck.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 23:

By half-bottle shape we mean the shape of a typical Bordeaux wine bottle sillouette, halved along its central longitudinal axis. The term 'half-bottle shape' as applied to the embodiment of Figs. 8 and 9 therefore defines a short horizontal ~~line~~ portion (6a) set substantially ~~perpindicular~~ perpendicular to a longer vertical portion ~~line~~ (12), with the vertical ~~line~~ portion extending into a curved ~~line~~ portion which terminates in a straight line set substantially parallel with the vertical portion ~~line,~~ that lies along the axis of a ~~perpindicular~~ line 4 at the other end of the horizontal ~~line.~~ portion.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1:

The intermediate connecting member 7a has one end 3a connected to the shaft 2 and the other end 6a connecting with the table engaging members 5 and ~~an~~ median vertical portion 12 between them. One end 3a is curved away from the axial bore and is formed continuously with the median portion 12a, which is substantially straight and parallel to ~~the~~ axial bore 4. The other end 6a of the intermediate member 7a is ~~perpindicular~~ perpendicular to the median vertical portion 12 and ~~the~~ axial bore 4.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 10:

This is embodiment permits the user to lay the cue rest along the flat median vertical portion 12 of the intermediate connecting member 7a, thereby raising the height of the cue engaging members 11 from the playing surface, providing a greater diversity of use for the invention during play, and therefore obviating the need for numerous cue rests in order to ~~fufill~~ fulfill the player's requirements.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 18:

Referring now to Fig. 10, an alternative embodiment of the table engaging member is described. The connecting means between ~~the other end (6, 6a) of the~~ intermediate member ~~(7, 7a)~~ and the table engaging member 5 is by means of an axial bolt 13. The table engaging member 5 houses a spring retainer 14 in contact with a compression spring 15. The compression spring 15 is connected to a spindle 16. The spindle 16 in turn contacts the shaft body of the axial bolt 13 by means of the flat end of the spindle 17. The shaft body of the axial bolt 13 is formed with two opposing flat surfaces 18 parallel to the axis of the axial bolt 13.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 30:

Thus, axial movement of the spindle 16, by rotation of the table engaging member 5 about the axial bore 4 causes compression of the spring 15. When the flat end 17 of the spindle 16 comes into contact with the flat surface 18 of the shaft body of the axial bolt 13, the relative position of the table engaging member 5 and the intermediate member ~~7, 7a~~ is locked into place. Further rotation of table engaging member 5 about the axial bore 4 allows the process to be reversed. This feature prevents the intermediate table engaging member ~~7a~~ slipping from its desired position during play and striking adjacent balls, (Fig. 6).